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Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorneys, hereby petition the Assistant

Commissioner for Patents for a one-month extension of time from March 21, 1999 to April 21,

1999 in which to respond to the Office Action mailed February 19, 1999. An appropriate

response in the form of a Response to Restriction accompanies this Petition.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$110.00 under large entity status to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please also charge any

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additional fees remaining or credit any overpayment in this application to the aforementioned deposit account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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